

Regarding Search Warrants as they apply to environmental public health; following is for your reference only:

(WI Statutes) Chapter 254.593 Authority of the department and local health departments. The department or a local health department may declare housing that is dilapidated, unsafe or unsanitary to be a human health hazard.

(WI Statutes) Chapter 254.01 Definitions. (2) “Human health hazard” means a substance, activity or condition that is known to have the potential to cause acute or chronic illness or death if exposure to the substance, activity or condition is not abated. Note: Human health hazards are defined in more detail in the Trempealeau County Human Health Hazard Ordinance.

(WI Statutes) Chapter 66.0119 Special Inspection Warrants. (1)(a) “Inspection purposes” includes such purposes as building, housing, electrical, plumbing, heating, gas, fire, health, safety, environmental pollution, water quality, waterways, use of water, food, zoning, property assessment, meter, and....

Reference: Grad, Frank P. “The Public Health Law Manual” 2nd Edition (1990)

- Information on Searches and Inspections; Public Health and the Fourth Amendment available on pages 122-145
- Camara v. Municipal Court of San Francisco case (1967) 387 U.S. 523